

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/821,212

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received 09/11/2006 and the interview on 11/01/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18,23-26,28 and 31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>20061101</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                                    |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph J. Grass (reg. no. 19,768) on November 1, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

In claim 1, line 4, the phrase --and to facilitate stripping of a web from the platen roll-- was inserted after "roll".

In claim 2, line 3, the term "a" was deleted and replaced with --the--.

In claim 5, line 3, the term "a" was deleted and replaced with --the--.

In claim 6, line 3, the term "a" was deleted and replaced with --the--.

In claim 9, line 6, the phrase --and will facilitate stripping of a web from the platen roll-- was inserted after "roll".

In claim 13, line 4, the phrase --and to facilitate stripping of the web from the roll-- was inserted after "roll".

In claim 17, line 6, the phrase --and will facilitate stripping of the web from the roll-- was inserted after "roll".

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In claim 18, line 6, the phrase --and to facilitate stripping of the web from the platen roll-- was inserted after "roll".

In claim 23, line 6, the phrase --and to facilitate stripping of the web from the platen roll-- was inserted after "roll".

In claim 24, line 1, the phrase --or for-- was inserted after "In".

In claim 25, line 1, the phrase --or for-- was inserted after "In".

In claim 26, line 5, the term --of-- was inserted after "stripping".

In claim 28, line 6, the term "to" was deleted and replaced with --and will--.

The above changes to claims 1, 9, 13, 17, 18, and 23 were made to more particularly define that the web stripper is providing the function of stripping the web from the roll and the function of cutting the groove(s) in the roll. The language added to these claims is essentially the same as that presented in the last line of each of claims 26 and 28. Additionally, the changes to claims 2, 5, 6, 24-26, and 28 were made to correct various minor informalities.

IN THE TITLE:

Please note the title of the invention has been changed by the Examiner to the following to more accurately reflect the claimed invention:

--LINERLESS WEB UTILIZING APPARATUS AND METHODS HAVING DUAL FUNCTION STRIPPER ELEMENT--

**Reasons for Allowance**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a method or apparatus as recited, in combination with and particularly including, having a stripper element positioned such that it functions to both cut at least one groove in the outer surface of the roll and to facilitate stripping of a web from the roll.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 8:00 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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